

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The present invention provides a novel endothelial growth factor (NVR) and polynucleotides which identify and encode NVR. The invention also provides genetically engineered expression vectors and host cells comprising the nucleic acid sequences encoding NVR and a method for producing NVR. The invention also provides for agonists, antibodies, or antagonists specifically binding NVR, and their use, in the prevention and treatment of diseases associated with expression of NVR. Additionally, the invention provides for the use of antisense molecules to polynucleotides encoding NVR for the treatment of diseases associated with the expression of NVR. The invention also provides diagnostic assays which utilize the polynucleotide, or fragments or the complement thereof, and antibodies specifically binding NVR.